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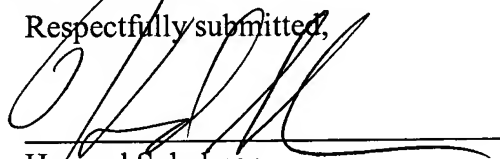
Applicant hereby submits the foregoing amendments and requests that the Examiner enter such amendments prior to examining the above referenced patent application. As the Examiner may recall, Applicant submits the above amendments to expedite prosecution of this case and to conform the specification and claims to the Examiner's suggestions set forth in the Office Action mailed on November 19, 2003 in the parent case. Applicant also adds new claims 22-24.

To further clarify the subject matter, Applicant attaches replacement Drawing page 3 which includes amendments to Figure 3. As previously suggested by the Examiner in the parent case, amended Figure 3 includes an exemplary embodiment of the gears and first interface component. To provide further clarification, Applicant also amends paragraph [0031] to include additional reference numerals which correspond to the existing elements of the tensioner described in the original specification. The gears and first interface component are adequately supported by the original specification in, for example, Claim 9 and lines 11-14 of paragraph [0031]. As such, no new matter is added by the amendments to Figure 3.

Applicant also amended Claims 12 and 13 to remove a human from the scope of the claims.

In light of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if such would advance prosecution of this Application in any way.

Respectfully submitted,



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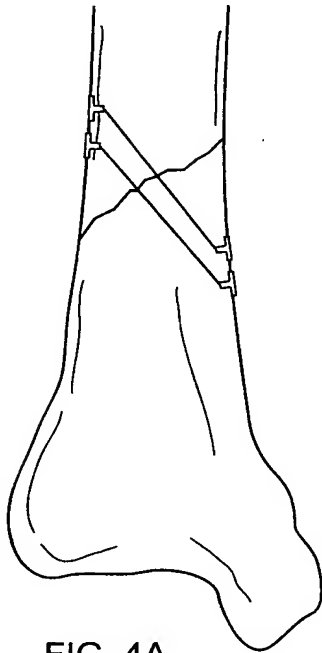
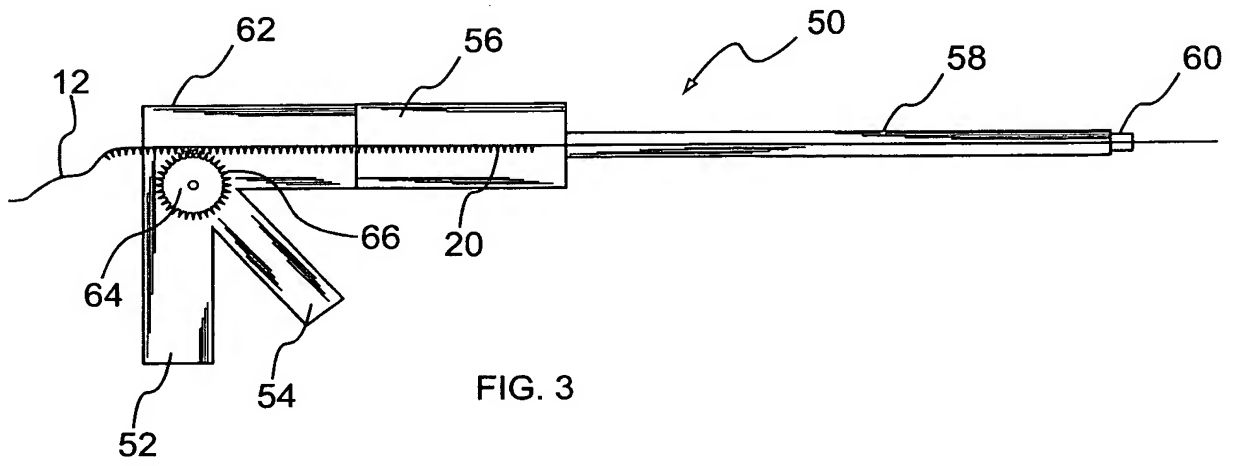


FIG. 4A

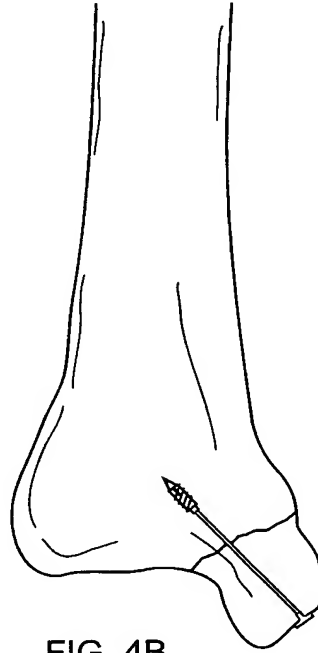


FIG. 4B

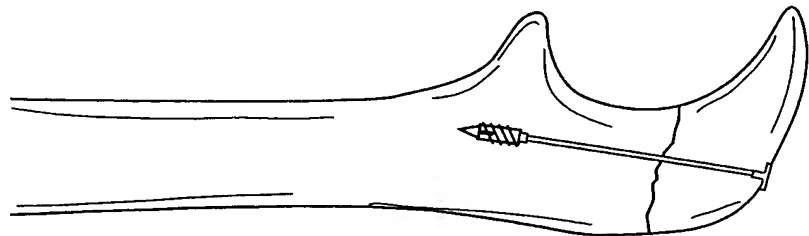


FIG. 4C